Mr. Venkatesiah. said that travelling allowance need not be given to Representative Assembly members.

Votes were taken on the question whether travelling allowance should be given to the members. The majority were for the grant of travelling allowance.

SUBJECT No. 8.

Travelling Allowance to members of special Committees of the Representative Assembly.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao. Magadi Taluk,

The Chief Secretary read the G. O. No. Fl. 5767-816 —S. and A. 83-18-1, dated 25th April 1919 and said that the Representative Assembly in that order comes in class III and that the rate of travelling allowance *viz.*, double 2nd class and 4 annas per mile, applies to all members of such committees and retired officers of Government except retired Dewans and members of Council.

The Dewan said that the G. O. settled the question of rate admissible to members of special Committees. Its working may be seen for some time and the matter considered again if the order did not give satisfaction.

SUBJECT No. 9.

Minimum of investments for charitable endowments for education.

Mr. T. M. Siddappa, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The high minimum of Rs. 3,000 for charitable endowments for educational purposes is above the reach of the middle and poorer classes. The minimum may therefore be reduced to Rs. 1,000 to induce a large number of donors to come forward with the amounts that they may be able to spare.

Reply of Government.—This has been sanctioned and been in force for the last two years.

SUBJECT No. 10.

Payment of interest on deposits of earnest money.

Mr. B. V. Rangiah Setti, French Rocks Sub-Taluk.

Mr. Rangiah Chetty said that the money that contractors pay as deposit is kept on for years and that no interest is paid thereon.

On being asked whether it was the earnest money given with tenders or security deposits for the due fulfilment of contracts, he said that he meant both and particularly the latter. It was explained that the earnest money is generally returned immediately the tenders are decided on; but that the security deposit cannot be returned before the completion of the contract and that the deposit amount may in all such cases be placed in the Savings Bank and the bank book tendered in deposit.

Dewan.—If there is any great delay in returning the earnest money it may be brought to the notice of Government when, they will consider whether interest should be paid.

SUBJECT No. 11.

Grant of loans for building houses in towns.

Messrs. B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur Taluk, and N. Nanjundiah, Chikmagalur Municipality.

Mr. Kesaviah.—Except in the cities of Mysore and Bangalore great difficulty is being experienced for want of houses. The cost of all building materials has gone up. There are many poor people who cannot build houses without help. Government should give loans to such men to build houses. The concessions should be given to non-officials also.

Dewan.—It is for the local bodies to make such proposals. In any place where such facilities are wanted if the local bodies make a representation Government will have no objection to grant loans.

REVENUE.

Land Revenue.

(Nos. 12 to 34).

SUBJECT No. 12.

Formation of a Revenue Board.

Mr. M. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao.—There are three judges in the Chief Court for civil cases. Revenue cases are no less important than civil ones but at present only important revenue cases come before the Council Committee and most revenue appeals are being disposed of by the Revenue Commissioner himself. This should not be the case. We should have a Board like that in Madras to decide revenue appeals from the decisions of the Deputy Commissioners. Government should either appoint an elected non-official member or nominate one to the Board. If there is to be no Board, if the Council Committee will accept all appeals against the Revenue Commissioner the present system will do.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—I support the proposal of having a Board to hear appeals now disposed of by the Revenue Commissioner.

Second Member.—If this is done there will be a good deal of delay.

Reply of Government.—There is no justification for any radical change. This is not possible.

SUBJECT No. 13.

Association of non-official members with the District and Taluk Officers for administering certain departments.

Messrs. N. S. Nanjundiah, A. Narayaniengar, Hassan Municipality; H. V. Rangasami, B. Alasingrachar, Hassan Taluk; S. Venkatesaiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association; H. Thimmappaiya, D. Nanjegowda, B. Basavegowda, Manjarabad Taluk; Dasappa, Maralu Siddappa, Arsikere Taluk; M. Chowdaiya, Hassan District Board, B. Anantakesavachar, H. Narasimhachar, Belur Taluk, B. Anantharamiengar, Hole-Narsipur Municipality; K. M. Krishnappa, Hole-Narsipur Taluk, A. V. Suryanarayana Setty, Arkalgud Taluk.

Mr. Venkatesiah.—Non-officials may be associated with officers in excise and darkhast matters. Officials look into only the revenue aspect of the question.

Dewan.—We have to extend this system only by experience.

Temporary Member.—A memorandum may be prepared and sent up on the question by Mr. Venkatesiah.

SUBJECT No. 14.

Rates of assessment and remission under tanks.

Messrs. Venkataswamigowda and L. Ramaiya, Malur Taluk.

Mr. Venkataswami Gowda.—The assessment on lands under channels and tanks is the same. Tanks are solely dependent on rainfall and if the rains fail, the ryots are put to enormous loss. Lands under tanks should be assessed lower than those below channels.

Dewan.—There are some inequalities and these will be remedied at the time of resettlement.